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TITLE OF INVENTION: COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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# Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 402 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 402 day(s).

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	09/975,516	LAHTEENMAKI ET AL.	
Notice of Allowability	Examiner	Art Unit	
	SAM BHATTACHARYA	2617	
The MAILING DATE of this communication appear All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT Report of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313	(OR REMAINS) CLOSED in or other appropriate community IGHTS. This application is sub- all and MPEP 1308.	this application. If not included nication will be mailed in due course	
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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

### Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-13 are allowed.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to disclose the recited combination of elements in a communication device, including a user interface, including at least a first keypad and a display, wherein a portion of the user interface is arranged to be replaceable by placing a replacement cover not always present on the communication device in a detachable manner in connection with the housing, wherein the second part is adapted to be removed before inserting the replacement cover in place of the second part, and that said replacement cover includes at least keys for applications and changing the functionality of the first keypad, and wherein at least part of the first keypad is provided in said replacement cover, as in claim 1;

the recited combination steps in a method for changing the user interface in a communication device including changing the user interface by removing the second part and placing a replacement cover not always present on the communication device in a detachable manner in connection with the housing and in place of the second part, and equipping the replacement cover with at least means for providing keys for applications and changing the functionality of the first keypad, and providing at least part of the first keypad in the replacement cover, as in claim 9;

the recited combination of elements in a communication device, including means for providing user interface functions, including at least a first keypad and a display, wherein a portion of the user interface functions are arranged to be replaceable by placing a replacement

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cover not always present on the communication device in a detachable manner in connection with the housing, wherein the second part is adapted to be removed before inserting the replacement cover in place of the second part, and that said replacement cover includes at least means for providing keys for applications and changing the functionality of the first keypad, and wherein at least part of the first keypad is provided in said replacement cover, as in claim 13.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SAM BHATTACHARYA whose telephone number is (571)272-7917. The examiner can normally be reached on Weekdays, 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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